

### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend Claims 5-6, 8, 14-16, 18-23, 25-26, 29, and 31 as indicated in the following Listing of Claims.

Please cancel Claim 30 without prejudice or disclaimer.

### **Listing of Claims**

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Previously presented) The flat material according to claim 29, wherein the nonwoven material is a wet nonwoven material, a dry nonwoven material, or a spunbonded nonwoven material.
3. (Previously presented) The flat material according to claim 29, wherein the nonwoven material is a cellulose nonwoven material.
4. (Previously presented) The flat material according to claim 29, wherein the nonwoven material is printed.
5. (Currently amended) The flat material according to claim 29, wherein the thickness of the at least one cover layer is at least 90  $\mu\text{m}$ .
6. (Currently amended) The flat material according to claim 29, ~~whereby~~ wherein the at least one coating compound for the at least one cover layer is based on a material selected from plastisols, organosols, dispersions, lacquers, or combinations thereof.

7. (Previously presented) The flat material according to claim 6, wherein the plastisol is a PVC plastisol.
8. (Currently amended) The flat material according to claim 6, wherein the at least one coating compound for the at least one cover layer is a material containing polyreaction products, ~~whereby~~ wherein the polyreaction products are obtained by the reaction of at least one dicarboxylic acid, polycarboxylic acid or their derivatives and mixtures thereof with at least one epoxidation product of a carboxylic acid ester or a mixture of these epoxidation products.
9. (Previously presented) The flat material according to claim 8, wherein the dicarboxylic acid is maleic acid, itaconic acid, fumaric acid, succinic acid, methyl succinic acid, malic acid, or furan dicarboxylic acid or a mixture containing at least two of these acids.
10. (Previously presented) The flat material according to claim 8, wherein the polycarboxylic acid is selected from citric acid or aconitic acid.
11. (Previously presented) The flat material according to claim 8, wherein the derivative of the dicarboxylic acid or polycarboxylic acid is an anhydride or partial ester.
12. (Previously presented) The flat material according to claim 11, wherein the alcohol component of the partial ester is a polyol.
13. (Previously presented) The flat material according to claim 12, wherein the polyol is dipropylene glycol, a propane diol, a butane diol, a hexane diol, a hexane triol, glycerin, or pentaerythritol, or a mixture containing at least two of these polyols.

14. (Currently amended) The flat material according to claim 8, wherein the mixture of the at least one dicarboxylic acid or polycarboxylic acid or their derivatives is a mixture of a partial ester of maleic acid anhydride and dipropylene glycol with citric acid.

15. (Currently amended) The flat material according to claim 8, wherein the at least one epoxidation product of a carboxylic acid ester contains more than one epoxy group per molecule.

16. (Currently amended) The flat material according to claim 8, wherein the at least one epoxidation product of a carboxylic acid ester is epoxidized linseed oil, epoxidized soybean oil, epoxidized castor oil, epoxidized rapeseed oil or vernonia oil or a mixture containing at least two of these epoxidation products.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) The flat material according to claim 29, wherein the at least one cover layer is transparent.

19. (Currently amended) The flat material according to claim 18, wherein the at least one coating compound for the at least one cover layer contains no more than 2 weight percent of filler.

20. (Currently amended) The flat material according to claim 29, wherein one or more flat nonwoven materials are additionally located under the at least one cover layer.

21. (Currently amended) The flat material according to claim 20, wherein the nonwoven material located under the at least one cover layer is a glass fiber nonwoven material.

22. (Currently amended) The flat material according to claim 29, further comprising at least one carrier layer and at least one previously defined cover layer, optionally one backing coating located under the carrier layer made of a chemically or mechanically foamed foam layer, and optionally a compact or base coating, which is positioned between the at least one carrier layer and the at least one cover layer and/or between the at least one carrier layer and the backing coating.

23. (Currently amended) The flat material according to claim 22, wherein a protective layer of unsaturated curable lacquer systems is located over the at least one cover layer, ~~whereby~~ wherein the polymers or copolymers for the lacquer systems are selected from the group consisting of polyacrylates, polymethacrylates, polyurethanes, and mixtures ~~of these~~ thereof.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently amended) The process according to claim 26, wherein one or more flat nonwoven materials are additionally located under the at least one cover layer before the hardening of the at least one cover layer.

26. (Currently amended) A process for providing a flexible multilayered flat material comprising:

substantially ~~impregnating~~ completely surrounding at least one substantially flat reinforcement material with [[a]] at least one coating compound so that a closed layer is formed around the at least one reinforcement material, wherein the at least one reinforcement material is a nonwoven material with a weight in the range from 9 to 50 g/m<sup>2</sup>; wherein the at least one coating compound contains at least one additive selected from a filler, a pigment, an expanding agent, a foaming agent, a hydrophobification agent, an auxiliary material, or any combination thereof, wherein the filler is selected from wood flour, chalk, cork flour, barium sulfate, slate flour, silicic acid, kaolin, quartz flour, talcum, lignin, non-fibrous cellulose, glass, colored granulate, colored chips, or any combination thereof, and wherein the auxiliary material is selected from tall oil, synthetic resins, natural resins, balsamic resin, copal resin, hydrocarbon resins, siccatives, antioxidants, UV stabilizers, lubricants, antistatics, processing acids, or any combination thereof;

hardening the at least one coating compound to form [[a]] at least one hardened cover layer; and

applying the at least one hardened cover layer to a carrier.

27-28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently amended) A flexible multilayer flat material comprising at least one cover layer, wherein the at least one cover layer consists of:

a) at least one coating compound;

b) at least one flat reinforcement material positioned in the at least one cover layer, ~~whereby~~ wherein the at least one reinforcement material is substantially completely surrounded by ~~[[a]]~~ the at least one coating compound so that a closed layer is formed around the at least one reinforcement material, ~~whereby~~ wherein the at least one reinforcement material is a nonwoven material with a weight in the range from 9 to 50 g/m<sup>2</sup>; and

c) at least one additive selected from a filler, a pigment, an expanding agent, a foaming agent, a hydrophobification agent, an auxiliary material, or any combination thereof; wherein the filler is selected from wood flour, chalk, cork flour, barium sulfate ("heavy spar"), slate flour, silicic acid, kaolin, quartz flour, talcum, lignin, non-fibrous cellulose, glass, colored granulate, colored chips, or any combination thereof; and

wherein the auxiliary material is selected from tall oil, synthetic resins, natural resins, balsamic resin, copal resin, hydrocarbon resins, siccatives, antioxidants, UV stabilizers, lubricants, antistatics, processing acids, or any combination thereof.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently amended) The flexible multilayer flat material according to Claim 29, wherein~~[[:]~~

~~the reinforcement material is completely surrounded by the coating compound constituting the cover layer to form a closed layer around the reinforcement material; and~~

the at least one coating compound is a material comprising a polyreaction product of at least one dicarboxylic acid, polycarboxylic acid or their derivatives and mixtures thereof with at least one epoxidation product of a carboxylic acid ester.